

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the current application. In the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-20, and 22-33. The Examiner objected to claims 5 and 21 as being dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 17, respectively. Examiner stated that claims 5 and 21, however, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and included all of the limitations of the relevant base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant's Representative thanks the Examiner for the conditional allowance of claims 5 and 21 and has herein cancelled claims 1-33 and has added claims 34 and 35 to incorporate the subject matter contained in claims 5 and 21, respectively, along with the additional limitations contained in the relevant independent claims and intervening claims.

Newly added claim 34 claims:

34. (new) An entertainment-object station comprising:
  - an entertainment-object holder;
  - a plurality of entertainment-object-station substrates, visually associable with the entertainment-object station, removably mounted to the entertainment-object holder;
  - entertainment objects permanently affixed to the entertainment-object-station substrates;
  - a disinfectant-wipe dispenser for dispensing disinfectant-wipes for cleaning entertainment objects; and
  - a top surface and support legs, one or more of the support legs including one or more nubs, each nub sized to pass through a mounting aperture on each entertainment-object-station substrate.

Newly added claim 34 is a combination of the subject matter contained in previously presented claim 1, original claim 4, and original claim 5, each provided below. Newly added claim 34 has been written in independent form and does not add any additional subject matter. Previously presented claim 1 was presented in the response to the previous Office Action dated March 24, 2006. Previously presented claim 1, original claim 4, and original claim 5 claim:

1. (previously presented) An entertainment-object station comprising:

an entertainment-object holder;  
a plurality of entertainment-object-station substrates, visually associative with the entertainment-object station, removably mounted to the entertainment-object holder;  
entertainment objects permanently affixed to the entertainment-object-station substrates; and  
a disinfectant-wipe dispenser for dispensing disinfectant-wipes for cleaning entertainment objects.

4. (original) The entertainment-object station of claim 1 further including a top surface and support legs.

5. (original) The entertainment-object station of claim 4 wherein the entertainment-object holder comprises one or more nubs on one or more support legs, each nub sized to pass through a mounting aperture on each entertainment-object-station substrate.

Newly added claim 35 claims:

35. (new) A method for entertainment-object management, the method comprising:

providing an entertainment-object station that includes an entertainment-object holder, a plurality of entertainment-object-station substrates, the entertainment-object-station substrates visually associative with the entertainment-object station, a number of entertainment objects, a disinfectant-wipe dispenser for dispensing disinfectant-wipes for cleaning entertainment objects, and a top surface and support legs, one or more of the support legs including one or more nubs, each nub sized to pass through a mounting aperture on each entertainment-object-station substrate;

attaching each entertainment object to an entertainment-object-station substrate;

removably mounting entertainment-object-station substrates to the entertainment-object holder;

placing the entertainment-object holder with removably mounted entertainment-object-station substrates in a location; and

maintaining the entertainment-object holder with removably mounted entertainment-object-station substrates by

- periodically replacing one or more stale entertainment objects,
- periodically replacing recalled entertainment objects,
- periodically replacing broken entertainment objects, and
- periodically adding new entertainment objects.

Newly added claim 35 is a combination of the subject matter contained in previously

presented claim 17, original claim 20, and original claim 21, each provided below. Newly added claim 35 has been written in independent form and does not add any additional subject matter. Previously presented claim 17 was presented in the response to the previous Office Action dated March 24, 2006. Previously presented claim 11, original claim 20, and original claim 21 claim:

17. (previously presented) A method of entertainment-object management, the method comprising:

    providing an entertainment-object station that includes an entertainment-object holder, a plurality of entertainment-object-station substrates, visually associable with the entertainment-object station and a plurality of entertainment objects;

    permanently affixing each entertainment object to an entertainment-object substrate;

    removably mounting the entertainment-object substrates with permanently affixed entertainment objects to the entertainment-object holder; and

    placing the entertainment-object station in a location; and  
    maintaining the entertainment-object station by

        periodically replacing one or more stale entertainment objects,

        periodically replacing recalled entertainment objects,

        periodically replacing broken entertainment objects, and

        periodically adding new entertainment objects.

20. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein the entertainment-object station further includes a top surface and support legs.

21. (original) The method of claim 20 wherein the entertainment-object holder comprises one or more nubs on one or more support legs, each nub sized to pass through a mounting aperture on each entertainment-object-station substrate.

In Applicant's representative's opinion, the two newly added claims in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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